**Abolition of child labour**

3592. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to a press newsitem captioned "SACCS to urge abolition of child labour" as reported in the Times of India dated 28-7-93;

(b) if so, whether to eradicate child labour in the country, Government have contemplated any serious efforts; and

*(c) if so, the details thereof?*

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Total eradication of child labour in the near future being considered not practicable due to socio-economic complexities prevailing in the country, the Policy of the Govt. is to eliminate child labour progressively. This is sought to be achieved through legislation, better enforcement of laws relating to child labour, welfare programmes, greater awareness amongst parents, employers and society at large and extension of education to increasing number of children.

**Violation of labour laws by PSUs**

3593. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some Central Public Sector Undertakings have been terminating the services of their employees in violation of all Central and State Government Acts by giving one or two days notice;

(b) whether representations were made since June 1993 to the Chief Labour Commissioner, New Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that no action has yet been taken thereon;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (e) Representations have been received in the Office of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) from individual workman/Trade Unions alleging illegal and unjustified termination of services in violation of Central|State Laws. The representations relating to Central Sphere are forwarded to the field officers of Central Industrial Relations Machinery (CIRM) and those relating to the State Sphere are forwarded to the State Labour Commissioners for taking appropriate action. Besides, the Trade Unions and aggrieved workmen also raise industrial disputes, whenever the employer illegally discharges dismisses, retrenches or otherwise terminates the services of the workmen. The conciliation officers intervene in the matter for amicable settlement and resolution of the disputes. In case of failure, they submit Failure of Conciliation Reports to the appropriate Government, who refer the cases to Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals for adjudication under Section 10(1) of I.D. Act. This procedure has been adopted in respect of representation received and disputes raised since June 1993 as well.

**Changes in Social Security Schemes**

3594. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose changes in the operation of social security schemes like the Employees' State Insurance Corporation Schemes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Change in base year for WPI and CPI**

3595. SHRI IQBAL SINGH Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the base year for the wholesale price index and consumer price index for industrial workers and agricultural labour, separately, were revised since 1960;

(b) what are the reasons for changing the base year;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Consumer Price Index for Agricultural, Labour has not been revised since 1960; and

(d) if so, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The based year for the wholesale price index was revised thrice since 1960, viz., in July 1968 with Base year 1961-62=100, in January 1977 with 1970-71=100 and in July 1989 with base year 1981-82=100. As regards Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers, the base year has been updated once in October 1988 to base 1982=100. No revision has been done so far in case of CPI for Agricultural Labour.

(b) Base year is periodically updated to account for changes in the consumption pattern, commodity classification and coverge, relative wheight of various items in the consumption basket and to account for the structural changes taking place in the economy.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It was decided to update the serious to base 1986-87=100. The task of working out weighting diagram and commodity specification, markets, base prices etc. takes some time due to which the series with updated base could not be released so far. The work with regard to revision of base year of Index for agricultural labour is at an advanced stage.

**Workers death due to occupational injury**

3596. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of workers dying of occupational injury in India annually during the last five years;

(b) what is the number of workers getting injured while performing their duties in India annually for the last five years;

(c) what measures Government have taken to prevent occupational injury; and

(d) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the compensation given to the 'Kith and Kin' of the injured workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Hazards for child labour working in Glass Inustry**

3597. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem